

A Cottage in Hampshire

LADY, the wides of nabited a large cottage in the north of Hampshire.

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plagued by incessors noises in the house, that she seriously thought of leaving it, although the lanned

it upon very advantageous terms.

For matter write and taked our to help in the exacter, and informed me that her daughter was highly psychic, that she possessed the power of automatic writing, and that this writing assured her that the di-turbing force was the spirit of a man named Mason, that he had left a paper is a cuphoard in a certain more, and that he was much troubled in mind became

this paper had not been destroyed.

No such capteard was known to the indy, but on exemining the room and removing a heavy urticle of furniture (the cattage led been taken (urnished) a door was sexually found, and a long ban-veen cup-hourd disclosed, which extended the whole length of the wall

I went down in the hope of being of some anistance, and I found that by the time I had arrived, a good part of the planter in the partition wall between the badnorm and the hor-room had been hosened, but nothing had been found. The readbility of the givit had been because, however, by the fact that in the automatic writing he lead gives the name of a previous tenant of the livese, some fifty years before, which proved, on languity, to be correct.

MADE a very thorough search, from which I I MADE a very thorough source, truth when it energed shadutely reversed with dust and planter. I was mable to find any hidden paper, but it was clear in me that some bell when had been taken through that way in the past, and that if there had been apper it would probably have been seen at that line. I asked the ladder to join me, therefore, in a table source, each one of us placing the tips of our fangers very lightly upon the metare of the table.

Microscopius and followed, and in response he me

Movements son tollowed, and in response to my quantien the mone "Mason" was spelled out. I asked him if he were satisfied that we had done all we

osald to most his wishes.

He mowered "Yes."

I then asked him if he was convinced that the papers were really gone. He again agreed.

I thun took it upon myself to point set is him that a thin took it upon myself to point suit is him that he had been acting very selfably for some years, that is his account over his can papers to had caused great unhappiness to people who lived in the house and tast access swonged him, that so long as he worried blonch about earthly affairs he would remain earthbound, and that he would be for better employed if he toward his thoughts to higher things and cadeavosed to progress.

in his new surroundings.

I then solved him whether, it we person for kien, it would ambet him orwands, to which he rigorounds

smeated, so we promised to pray every day if he in his amended, so we promised to pray every day if he in his barn would promise to give no further trouble. Upon his agreeing to this, which he did by spelling out the two letters D and V, we brought the matter to an one. That was in blay, and I have had but letters alsoe, is which the lady natures me that the conditions is the house are entirely changed, and that for the time, at

"Mason has kept his word," she says, "as all hountings have coused and there is a strong feeling of restfulness and peace in the house which it is impossible to disserbe."

BELIEVE that all these varied experiences have been sent to see, not is arrane us by sales he he held and then forgotten, but as the estential warp and woul of a new spiritual garment which is to be weren for

We live in an age which has long demanded a sign; yet when the age was and it was blind to it. I can set understand the frame of mind of those who view proofs of survival which appear in the Bible as of most vital importance, and yet close their mind to the same things when they mappear before our very eyes. I believe ment of the evidence in the sacred books, where it is not perverted by mistratulation, interposition, or frequence, to be perfectly good evidence; but no boauts mind could not that judged by tratum standards of credibility it could, for an instant, compare in its demonstration of the fair which awares the goal, with the psychic revolations of recent years. In the letter case, the witnesses are thosespite in sameler, are men of the highest credibility, and have placed in many came their paramal appairance agon record, so that any objection can be lodged.

that any objection can be lodged.

Modern Britain don not disprove, but confirms
ancient Judia. We are a more arientific age, however, and we wish to know the how and the why.
Such inquities are no longer, with no grown wealth at
material, beyond the scope of our brains.

In a previous article I have coden evered to indicate
two well-marked lows—the one that it is the efficient
the human againsian which furnishes the basis of
showing I manifestations from the unseen, the other

the mental organism which periods on a same or physical manifestations from the unseen, the other that there is a strict limitation of mychic power, which does not prevent noise and subsequent dis-turbance, but does stand in the way of destructive or personal violence.

THIS power of anothering point and commotion may, it is true, cause such great mixtry to those who endure it, that it may amount to mental torture. There is the well-known case of Miles Clavion, the young Breton switer. The sunaces against Miss Claylon upon his lips. He was as good as his

word, and proved the windowd for rejection by the annual persecution to which he subjected her after the death. This task the icore of load cries, which frequestly broke out when she was us the conspany of others and source so strettile that some of the heavest fainted In the later stages of her persecution these offer give place to the sound of a monket going off, which occurred once a day through a particular window of

On ninety days running this phenomenon occurred, and man mean fully investigated, on the cries had also been, by the Parisian police, who placed spies in the arrest and sought constantly but in vain for my parstroit and sought constantly but in value for my per-meal explanation. Floulty, of ter two years, the per-secution stopped, the time having been foretold by the dead man, who declared that he would most het the for the name period in the had upact him. Fe had certainly done so, but like all revenge, it was probably a two-edged limite which out time more deeply then

A MORE justifishie persecution, but noe which also amounted to forture, is detailed by Mrs. Caster Hall, the authorses, as lateing come within by personal observation in her youth.

personal observation is her youth.

In this case, a young officer had inflicted the gratant of all injuries upon a boundful young woman, the
attenward discl. The resulting persecution may have
come not from her gentle spirit, but from that of some and who loved her, and desired to average her; but it
was at the next attractors character. Particulars will was as the most afrocious character. Particulars reli-be found in Mr. Duke Owen's "Footfalls"—a back as accurate is its cases and so wise in its deduction, that it should be a classic upon this subject. The unjecturate officer was attended whenever he went by such notices and distortionings that at his so Indian would let rooms to him, and he was trupted from heat to house, a miserable and drapalring man, alterantify praying for relief and cursing at his unseem come. No dog would stay with him, and even his marked were scarred at his ozonpany, as that he had to have his home for fear of driving his mother and seer

into an anylum. "It is hard to be so punished," the young offer said to Mrs. Carter Hall, "but perhaps I have de-

Read by this adminion was have proved to be the clave of better days.

I hope that in some future articles I may be shirti-ouillne earn; of the lave which govern these materi-and to illustrate these by commples which show their workings and their limitations.

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